

Introduction

This manual was first developed in 1996 to provide general guidance to state and local health department personnel who are involved in surveillance activities for vaccine-preventable diseases. This manual answers commonly asked questions regarding the surveillance and reporting of vaccine-preventable diseases and provides information on enhancing existing surveillance systems.

Several reference documents, tables, and forms have been included in this manual for your convenience and information. The forms in this manual are in the public domain and may be copied and distributed for use in public health surveillance activities.

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